

## STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) initiatives foster continuous improvements

in STEM teaching, learning, and engagement; and

WHEREAS: Those initiatives raise awareness of innovative STEM activities that help students make critical

connections between the classroom and a future career path; and

WHEREAS: STEM initiatives build greater STEM knowledge and skills for students from elementary school

through post-secondary programs and enhance education excellence, workforce development, and

an informed public for years to come; and

WHEREAS: STEM education providers motivate students to explore all of the promising opportunities STEM

careers provide and equip them to succeed as an essential part of Minnesota's future workforce;

and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to unparalleled opportunities in STEM disciplines, and Minnesota's economy

depends on a well-prepared pipeline of students with the education and skills necessary to

compete in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS: August 24, 2017 marks the 8th Annual STEM Day at the Minnesota State Fair, engaging thousands

of children and their families in high-quality, hands-on STEM activities and interactive adventures

brought to the fair by 35 organizations in the Minnesota STEM Network, an initiative of

SciMathMN; and

WHEREAS: Promoting STEM competency must be a priority across the state, and the 8th Annual STEM Day at

the Minnesota State Fair will work to inspire students and help them envision a future of career

success in an increasingly competitive global marketplace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, August 24, 2017, as:

## STEM DAY AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August.



